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In Re the Application of:

CROWDER ET AL.

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For: "A METHOD FOR REDUCING CORROSION OF A HEAD ELEMENT DURING THE MANUFACTURE OF A DISK DRIVE" (as amended)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 22, 2004, Applicants submit a revised section entitled "Amendment to the Claims" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Please substitute the enclosed revised section for the section of the same name that is part of Applicants' Amendment and Response submitted August 23, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: